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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

On April 9, 1999, the Patent Office mailed an Office Action rejecting Claims 1-10 of the above-referenced patent application as filed on October 1, 1997. However, the Office Action did not address amendments to the claims that were made in a Preliminary Amendment filed on February 24, 1999. The Preliminary Amendment amended Claim 1 and added Claims 3-21. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and the postcard indicating that the Preliminary Amendment was received by the Patent Office on March 1, 1999 are enclosed. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.105, the Examiner's action should be complete to all matters. Applicant submits that the Office action was not complete because it did not address the changes in the Preliminary Amendment.

Furthermore, according to M.P.E.P. § 710.06, if an Office Action contains a defect, the Patent Office can restart the period of response after the defect is brought to the Office's

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attention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Patent Office reset the period of time after addressing the changes in the Preliminary Amendment.

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